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Legal and Corporate Affairs

## American Standard Inc.

December 22, 1989

Ms. Kelly McCarty
Waste Management Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV
345 Courtland Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30365

Re: Saad Site, Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Ms. McCarty:

This is in repsonse to the December 18, 1989 letter with respect to the above site from Mr. Patrick M. Tobin addressed to Robert Mulliner of American Standard's Trane Company Division in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Mr. Tobin's letter, which was not received in La Crosse until December 20, and not received at American-Standard's Environmental Technology Department in Piscataway, New Jersey until the following day, is our first notification that Trane may be a PRP with respect to the Saad site. Based on the site's location, we believe that any Trane connection to the site is most likely to be through Trane's Clarksville, Tennessee facility. We have asked that facility to examine its records for evidence of any such connection and, if evidence of a connection is found, we will be prepared to contribute an appropriate portion (reflecting the nature and volume of any Trane-generated waste material at the site in relation to the total of such material) of any negotiated settlement amount.

However, in view of the very short febponse notice specified in Mr. Tobin's letter and the holiday season, it will be very difficult for personnel at Trane's Clarksville facility to complete an examination of the appropriate records until mid January. In this connection, there is currently a strike situation at the facility which might further delay action in that regard.

To expedite our records examination, we would appreciate receiving copies of any documentary evidence that your agency may have indicating that waste materials generated at the Clarksville facility (or any other Trane unit) are present at the Saad site.

Very truly yours,

Charles Gordon

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